

## Newsletter September 18, 2012

### **Death and the Civil War Airs Tonight**

From the New York Times:

PBS's "American Experience" can feel formulaic, but the episode on Tuesday, "Death and the Civil War," makes itself wrenching and riveting by throwing out some of the formulas that have become familiar in documentaries about the war.

The program, written and directed by Ric Burns, focuses on one overwhelming fact of the Civil War that others bury in an avalanche of minutiae: An unprecedented number died during the four years of fighting.

http://tv.nytimes.com/2012/09/18/arts/television/death-and-the-civil-war-by-ric-burns-on-pbs.html?hpw

DVD: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/death/

Book: http://www.amazon.com/This-Republic-Suffering-American-

Vintage/dp/0375703837/ref=sr 1 1?ie=UTF8qid=1347991773sr=8-1keywords=this+republic+of+suffering

## **On-Line Courses for Social Studies Professional Development**

As you may know, we have begun offering social studies endorsement courses on-line. Rather than the one-week-long endorsement courses we have typically held, the USOE and UEN are developing and offering a full slate of endorsement courses designed to provide rigorous course content while allowing maximum flexibility for participants. Oh, and they will be really, really inexpensive. Our intention is to offer them with the only cost being the recording fee payable to our education partner, SUU. So teachers who need to add endorsements or just want to take these courses will be able to do so for around \$15 per credit hour.

**Human Geography** 

http://profdev.uen.org/register/course details/155

**US History II** 

http://profdev.uen.org/register/course details/159

World Civilizations II

http://profdev.uen.org/register/course\_details/157

Social Studies Secondary Methods Course

http://profdev.uen.org/register/course details/164

### Constitution Day Teach-In: The Response was Awesome

The Utah State Bar Commission, under the direction of the Utah Supreme Court, hosted a teach-in yesterday across the state as part of Constitution Day. They blasted well past their goal of 100 classrooms across the state thanks to the great response from teachers. <a href="http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home3/54883608-200/students-constitution-government-percent.html.csp">http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home3/54883608-200/students-constitution-government-percent.html.csp</a>

If you want to have a guest teacher come to your classroom this school year, visit the Utah State Bar web site: http://www.utahbar.org/highschoolcivics/welcome.html

They will work to connect you with a volunteer judge or attorney who will come teach an interactive and engaging Hello All,

Welcome to the new contest year!

### **Utah History Fair**

The 2012-2013 Utah History Fair is right around the corner. Check out their website for more information. http://utahhistoryfair.weebly.com

There is **NO REGISTRATION FEE** this year! So you have no excuse. The Utah History Fair is one great example of the actual "DOING" of history that needs to happen more often if we are to bring history alive for our students.

#### **NCGE Webinars**

I got this intriguing email from a teacher:

Hello Mr. Austin,

I have been participating in the webinars through NCG for over a year. <a href="http://ncge.org/webinar">http://ncge.org/webinar</a> I was wondering if they had been considered as a source of relicensure credit?

Since I was not aware of this webinar resource, I checked it out. All I can say is **Cool!** And absolutely these webinars would be great for relicensure points. Just document your work with your administrator.



## **TOPSS Institute**

## For High School Psychology Teachers

Friday, October 12, 2012 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
University of Utah Union Bldg.; 200 South Central Campus Dr.; Collegiate Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

## **Presentations:**

#### Sponsored By:

- Society for the Teaching of Psychology
- University of Utah: Department of Psychology
- Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS)

#### TOPSS Membership:

Teachers may now renew or apply for TOPSS membership at the Institute. Applications will be available (\$40). Some schools pay for your membership, so check with your supervisor!

- The Fun in Teaching Psychology
   Julie Steitz—Mission Hills High School, San Diego
- Adolescent self-injury and suicide: Balancing risk factors, protective factors, and the need for intervention

Dr. Shelia Crowell-University of Utah

- Participant Idea Share
   Annette Nielsen–Woods Cross High School
- Working Lunch—Q&A
   Kim Searle—Copper Hills High School
- A Focus On Teaching
   Dan Rozanas—Alta High School
- Breakout-Session

\*Intro Psych: The NEW APA National Standards

\*AP Psych: Writing FRQ's

## Registration Deadline: Friday, September 28, 2012

FEE: \$40 by the deadline \$50 after the deadline Cost includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and a certificate of completion. Teachers will also receive

FREE resource materials!

Please park in the pay lot east of the A. Ray Olpin Union Building located at 200 Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah. Validations will be provided. Maps of the campus are available at: http://www.map.utah.edu/

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## Utah Geographic Alliance Annual Conference

## Geography 360°



Keynote: Everen T. Brown Photographer, Author, Creator of 360° World Atlas





"Everen T. Brown photographs all that he sees, for life is meant to be lived in 360 degrees."



## Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Davis Conference Center 1651 N 700 W Layton, UT

Registration and Continental Breakfast from 8:15 to 8:50 am Conference from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

\$10 Registration covers Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Conference Sessions, and Free 360° World Atlas Antarctic Edition. .5 Credit State License Renewal Points available. \*Atlas will be presented to participants at the end of the conference

Break out sessions include: Social Science and the Common Core, Geography Awareness Week, . . .

Visit the new Utah Geographic Alliance Website at www.utahgeo.org

## 60th Annual Utah State History Conference

# Mark Your Calendars! The 60th Annual Utah State History Conference Encounters: Moments of Change

# September 20-23, 2012 In partnership with the Fort Douglas Military Museum Association Click here for locations/directions

#### Free online conference registration

Registration is optional, but only takes a few minutes! Please note: separate registration is required for the <a href="Bear River Tour">Bear River Tour</a>

http://history.utah.gov/historical society/annual meeting/index.html

The Program for Teaching East Asia and NCTA at the University of Colorado Invite Registration for TEA and NCTA Online Courses for Fall 2012

All courses are open to secondary teachers. Participants in each course receive readings, \$100 completion stipend, and certificate of completion hours. Graduate credit available with additional fee. Teachers who have completed NCTA "classic" 30-hour seminars in East Asian history are eligible. *Participants in the Cultural Encounters course meet prerequisite for 2013 Fulbright Hays-NCTA study tour in Japan.* 

➤ Teaching about China's Political System. September 24-December 8 (20 hours).

Co-developed by political science professors with expertise on China, in consultation with AP and secondary comparative government teachers, this NCTA online seminar addresses instructional objectives of the AP Comparative Government course and provides essential background and resources for all secondary teachers covering contemporary China in their courses. The seminar will be conducted through asynchronous online modules. Open to teachers nationwide. Contact Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu. Complete course description and application:

http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/ncta/downloads/2012ChinaPoliticalSystemFlyer.pdf.

▶ Cultural Encounters: Japan's Diverse Past and Present. October 1-January 29 (30 hours). This course examines episodes in Japan's international and intercultural relations from the Nara period to the present, with special attention to Japanese approaches and responses to cross-border movement of peoples, ideas, and materials. The course will be conducted through 3 synchronous and 6 asynchronous modules. This course is cosponsored by TEA and the University of Washington East Asia Resource Center. Teachers who complete the course are eligible to apply for TEA's four-week study tour in Japan in summer 2013, funded by the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad and NCTA. Open to teachers nationwide. Registration closes September 14. Contact Catherine.lshida@colorado.edu. Complete course description and application: http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/programs/downloads/CECourseFlyer.pdf.

#### ➤ Modern China: 1900 to the Present. October 15-January 24 (15 hours)

Course participants will consider five topics: China's Continuous Revolution, 1900-present; China in the American Imagination; Making Sense of Mao; The Legacies of Tiananmen Square; and Contemporary Topics on Political and Economic Change. *Open to teachers in the University of Colorado NCTA region* (Arizona, Colorado, Fullerton CA, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming). Contact: <a href="mailto:Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu">Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu</a>. Complete course description and application: <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/ncta/downloads/2012NCTAModernChinaFlyer.pdf">http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/ncta/downloads/2012NCTAModernChinaFlyer.pdf</a>

## **Teaching Tolerance Offers Guides to Help Schools Combat Bigotry**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Responding to requests from educators across the country seeking help in addressing acts of bigotry on campus, the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance project released two guides today designed to help create safe, welcoming schools.

The guides – Responding to Hate and Bias at School and Speak Up at School – will be available to schools and educators across the country, at no charge, in time for the new school year. They can be downloaded at: http://www.tolerance.org/hate-and-bias and http://www.tolerance.org/speak-up-at-school.

"We receive a steady flow of calls and e-mails from educators looking for guidance on these issues," said Maureen Costello, director of Teaching Tolerance. "There was clearly a need to help people recognize danger signs at school and address them before a crisis occurs."

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The Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Alabama with offices in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, is a nonprofit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry, and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society. For more information, see <a href="https://www.splcenter.org">www.splcenter.org</a>

## Save the Dates!



## Saturday, October 13, UCSS Fall Conference

Where: South Jordan Middle School

Time: 8:30-2:30

What: Lots of great breakout sessions for secondary teachers and day-long sessions for individual grades for elementary teachers (elementary must register for specific grade)

Cost: \$25 or membership in **Utah Council for the Social Studies** 

Credit. .5 USOE credit

How to register? Go to ON TRACK and register for Social Studies Saturday Seminar - Fall 2012, Course 35256

https://usoe.truenorthlogic.com/ia/render.userLayoutRootNode.uP



## UCSS Morning at the Movies!

Come see the Spielberg movie "Lincoln", starring Daniel Day Lewis.

Where: Jordan Commons Theatres

When: Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.

Cost: UCSS members receive 2 free tickets, others \$5.00

More information on how to order tickets will be forthcoming.

Questions: Pam Su'a, 801-567-8320 or pamela.sua@jordandistrict.org

## Colonial Williamsburg Offers "The Will of the People"

Dale Van Eck from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation writes:

Although it is not "directly" related to Constitution Day, our Gift to the Nation Electronic Field Trip is related to the Constitution. This year in light of the presidential election (in the Constitution...) we are offering free online access to our "The Will of the People" Electronic Field Trip. This trip is about the election of 1800, what Jefferson called "the second American revolution."

#### Description:

The presidential campaign of 1800 was perhaps the most bitter in U.S. history. Thomas Jefferson explains to modern students how negative campaigning, partisan politics, and contested elections have been part of our political system since the republic's earliest days.

The free access will run from September 1-30 and anyone can register. Teachers will have access and be able to download the teacher guide, literacy materials, bibliographies, Internet links and be able to watch all of the video and explore the online games. We have some samples on our Explore page at <a href="http://www.history.org/history/teaching/eft/explore.cfm">http://www.history.org/history/teaching/eft/explore.cfm</a> where teachers can see segment one of three and play the "Battle for the Vote" game, great on an interactive white board!

Full details at <a href="http://giftnation.history.org">http://giftnation.history.org</a>.

## Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter: See below. They win the prize for coolest link:



## **League of Women Voters and the Election**

Marilyn Bown of the League of Women Voters, Salt Lake Branch sent resource ideas for teaching about the election, voter registration, and getting out the vote:

Of the Appendix N: Resources of the <a href="mailto:Empowering the Voters of Tomorrow"><u>Empowering the Voters of Tomorrow</u></a> manual, <a href="http://www.vote411.org/"><u>http://www.vote411.org/</u></a> and <a href="http://www.projectvote/"><u>http://www.projectvote/</u></a> are the most demographically inclusive. <a href="http://www.civicyouth.org/"><u>http://www.civicyouth.org/</u></a> contains excellent voter data as well as information for reaching the out-of-school youth.

<a href="http://www.rockthevote.org/">http://www.rockthevote.org/</a> is the most current and the most appealing for high school students. <a href="http://www.smackdownyourvote.com/">http://www.smackdownyourvote.com/</a> may appeal to the post-high 18-30 year-old potential voters.

http://www.vote18.org/ continues to offer a history of voting.

<u>http://www.youthleadership.net/</u> posted early in 2012 includes a number of civic lesson plans, including mock elections, to teachers who sign on.



Thanks for all you do for Utah students!

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